

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### DATA MAPPING TO SAVE MOMS' LIVES ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 4, 2022*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, as many of you know, the United States is one of the only developed nations in the world where the maternal mortality rate continues to rise every year. The rate of mortality is especially higher in minority populations and rural communities—those who most often sit on the wrong side of the digital divide. This women's health crisis has had a particularly disparate impact on the African American community. African American women are three times more likely to die during pregnancy and childbirth than their counterparts. Physicians and scientists continue to study the cause of these high numbers, citing lack of access to resources as one of many reasons the maternal mortality rate continues to rise. These resources include, but are not limited, to broadband access.

My bill, the Data Mapping to Save Moms' Lives Act, focuses on overlaying broadband connectivity data held by the FCC with health information held by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Armed with this information, policymakers will be able to target connectivity resources where telehealth may be able to assist medical professionals remotely monitor the health of pregnant women. We must act to address this crisis and my bill will give us the needed information to target our interventions.

I urge my colleagues to help protect our Nation's mothers and vote yes on H.R. 1218, the Data Mapping to Save Moms' Lives Act.

### GIRLS OF STEEL

**HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2022*

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Girls of Steel robotics team for qualifying for the eleventh time to attend the FIRST World Championship competition by winning the Regional Engineering Inspiration award at the Greater Pittsburgh Regional, held at California University of Pennsylvania in California, Pennsylvania, between March 17th and 19th, 2022.

I also want to commend the Girls of Steel for winning the Regional Chairman's Award at the Buckeye Regional held at Cleveland State University in Cleveland, Ohio, between March 24 and 26, 2022. The Regional Chairman's Award is the most prestigious award at FIRST. It honors the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the purpose and goals of FIRST.

The students are proud that their awards qualify them to attend the 2022 FIRST World Championship in Houston, Texas. I think that the remarkable accomplishment of continuously making it to the Championship speaks volumes about the dedication these young women have in pursuing "STEM"—Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math—careers, their ability to sustain their team, and the thousands of hours they have spent collectively doing outreach in the community. The Girls of Steel are often referred to as the hometown favorite robotics group and continue to be featured in videos, print media, and blog posts.

FIRST, which stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology," is an organization dedicated to engaging our students in STEM fields. Hundreds of thousands of students gain practical, team-based engineering experiences through FIRST every year.

As a founder and co-chair of the Congressional Robotics Caucus, I believe competitions like these are incredible tools for helping our young people to explore potential careers in STEM. I've witnessed firsthand the incredible economic growth and development that these fields can bring to my home district, and I strongly believe that these fields are crucial to our nation's future prosperity. For encouraging young people in these pursuits, I want to commend organizations like FIRST for their important work. The FIRST Robotics Competition allows students to apply creativity and critical thinking in the demanding and competitive field of robotics, all while instilling a strong sense of pride in participants.

Fifty-three young women from 8th through 12th grade associated with schools located in and around the Pittsburgh area represent this year's Girls of Steel program, and in recognition of their hard work, intelligence, and teamwork, I would like to mention each of these inspiring young people by name. They are Ciara Anderson, Ariella Avigad, Somdatta Basu, Justine Bennett, Aashi Bhatt, Megan Cassady, Elise Chu, Diya Cowlagi, Nina Cranor, Elizabeth Crookston, Maggie Davis, Maeve Dever, Mikaela Dassanaik-Perera, Natalie Ficca, Alexandra George, Susanna Getty, Anuva Ghosalkar, Teodora Gildengers, Grace Goslin, Samhita Gudapati, Katherine Hu, Rayna Huang, Amanda Hulver, Amy Jin, Janise Kim, Jessie Lee, Harshitha Lingam, Kameron Locy, Elizabeth Maier, Mia Maurizio, Lauren Michaels, Ava Miller, Sreyashi Mondal, Aria Narasimhan, Madeleine Ng, Swathi Padmanabhan, Dustana Roberts, Gray Scherer, Lucia Samaras, Mahika Shetty, Sophia Shetty, Rishika Somireddy, Aditi Srivastava, Tara Staresinic, Kelly Tai, Aditri Thakur, Justina Wang, Ashley Wei, Gloria Wen, Hannah Yang, Mary Zagrocki, Kexin Zhao, and Audrey Zheng.

Additionally, I want to convey my sincere appreciation to the faculty and staff of Carnegie Mellon University's Field Robotics Center, who have mentored the Girls of Steel since 2010. Because of their efforts, more young women experience real-world techno-

logical challenges and learn from some of the nation's best at solving these problems. These experiences will certainly benefit these young women in the future.

The Girls of Steel will compete in the FIRST Championship in Houston, Texas, at the end of April—one of the largest competitions of its kind. It's essentially the Super Bowl of Smarts. They will compete against top teams from all over the world.

I congratulate the Girls of Steel and wish them all continued success in their academic and professional endeavors.

DR. ROBERT MCCRORY

**HON. JAMES COMER**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2022*

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Robert McCrory for his admirable commitment to revitalizing the legendary Tater Day Festival in Benton, Kentucky.

Today this annual tradition in Marshall County will commence, bringing the community together for a weekend of fun, entertainment, and competition.

Originally started in 1843 when farmers came to town to trade sweet potatoes, this event was unfortunately lagging by the 1960s. Dr. McCrory didn't like that—and nor did he accept it.

A longtime community leader and a charter member of the local Kiwanis Club, he took a lead role in returning this event to its prior legendary status.

As head of a committee formed to do just that—Dr. McCrory revitalized Tater Day in a major way. Now, this historic event features sizable crowds that descend on Benton every year for a parade, contests, and tasty potato treats.

Without Dr. McCrory's leadership, this proud local tradition would not be what it is today. Because of that, I express my sincere thanks to him as Marshall County and West Kentucky's representative in Washington.

TRIBUTE TO ANA J. KORDOVICH GALOVSKI

**HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2022*

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Ana J. Kordovich Galovski, who passed away earlier this year following a battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Ana was born in Bukov, Macedonia and immigrated to the United States in 1951, where she was able to meet her father for the first time at the age of 12. She attended West High School here in Rochester and graduated as a member of the Class of 1957.

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Ana was deeply involved in the local community—especially in the local Macedonian community. She was a founding member of St. Dimitria Macedonian Orthodox Church in Henrietta, NY and remained active in the church community throughout her life. She was often seen attending services and board meetings, singing in the choir, or calling bingo numbers. Ana went above and beyond to help those in the Macedonian community acclimate to living in the United States.

Ana loved to travel with friends and family, especially with her grandkids later in life. She was loved by all who knew her, and she will be deeply missed. My heart goes out to her entire family during this difficult time.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR.  
WARREN WRIGHT BROOME

**HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2022*

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Mr. Warren Wright Broome, a committed, retired member of the United States Navy and a beloved husband, father, and brother. Warren Wright Broome, 100 years old, passed away on March 21, 2022, in Camden, Arkansas. He was born on January 12, 1922, in Kathwood, South Carolina, to James Manford and Ruby Brinson Broome.

Warren enlisted in the Navy in June 1942 and served until his retirement in August 1972. During his thirty years of honorable service to our Nation, he fought in three Wars: World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. After his retirement from the Navy, he worked for RCA Service Company in Washington, D.C. Mr. Broome loved history, was a wonderful storyteller, and an avid book collector who enjoyed spending time in his library. He was also particularly dedicated to his faith and was an active member of the United Methodist Men and of Fairview United Methodist Church in Camden. Mr. Broome led a rich life filled with laughter and will be missed by all who knew him.

I take this time today to celebrate the life and service of Mr. Warren Wright Broome. I thank him for his dedication to our fellow citizens and our beloved Fourth District of Arkansas.

HONORING MR. KEN DUBERSTEIN  
FOR HIS LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENTS

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2022*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Ken Duberstein for his lifetime of achievements in both the private sector and public service.

Ken Duberstein was born in Brooklyn, New York and grew up loving everything the city had to offer. Duberstein's first political experience as a young boy was handing out leaflets for Republican presidential candidate Dwight

D. Eisenhower during the 1952 election. After graduating from high school, Mr. Duberstein attended Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He went on to obtain a master's degree in political science at American University. Mr. Duberstein got his first taste of Capitol Hill with an internship in the office of Republican Senator Jacob Javits from New York. He then went on to work for the General Services Administration in the 1970s and later for the U.S. Department of Labor.

In 1981, Ken joined President Reagan's White House as the President's liaison to the House of Representatives. During this time, he helped Congress push through an extensive tax cut by successfully convincing conservative Democrats to break with their party. In 1987, Ken accompanied President Reagan to the Berlin Wall in 1987 and played a pivotal role in the subsequent summit between Reagan and Gorbachev. Duberstein became White House Chief of Staff in 1988. After his years of public service, Ken opened the tremendously successful boutique firm, The Duberstein Group, Inc.

Ken Duberstein remained steadfast in his patriotism, commitment to country, and served as a mentor to Presidents of the United States, White House Chiefs of Staff, Members of Congress, and countless senior elected and appointed officials. He was deeply respected by both sides of the aisle. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize his remarkable leadership and life.

HONORING MAYOR SANDY LUCY

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2022*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman who has dedicated her life to public service and the people of Washington, Missouri. After being in public service for over thirty years and as the Mayor of Washington, Missouri for almost twelve years, Mayor Sandy Lucy is retiring.

Over the past thirty years Mayor Lucy has served her community in multiple roles. She was president of Downtown Washington Inc. and a member of the Washington Area Chamber of Commerce. Most recently she was the first woman to serve as Mayor of Washington, Missouri. As Mayor she served with professionalism, honor, and integrity. Through her leadership the city has achieved many successes and earned Washington the Great American Main Street Award. Mayor Lucy leaves a legacy that will be cherished by the community for years to come.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mayor Sandy Lucy on an exceptional career and a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING DOLORES H.  
HICKAMBOTTOM

**HON. JUDY CHU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2022*

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, Dolores H. Hickambottom is a true legend in Altadena,

Pasadena and the Greater San Gabriel Valley. Widely admired and greatly respected in the community, she was at the forefront of many monumental issues for over five decades.

Dolores led the effort to desegregate the schools who were part of the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD). After PUSD had failed to integrate its schools, they were sued by community members resulting in the 1970 landmark case of Spangler vs. the Pasadena City Board of Education. Dolores did everything she could to help the plaintiffs and organized hundreds of residents in the Pasadena area to support them, while at the same time educating people about the racial segregation affecting the school district. Due to the monumental efforts of Dolores and members of the community, the case went up to the U.S. District Court, which ultimately determined that racial segregation existed at all levels of PUSD. As a result, Pasadena was integrated and became the first school district west of the Mississippi to have crosstown bussing.

Dolores also went to great lengths to raise the visibility of African Americans in government. During her early years in Pasadena, Dolores noticed that few African Americans in the community attended city council meetings. They saw the lack of representation in their local government and rightly believed their voices would not be heard. Dolores made it her mission to correct this problem and deliver the representation the African American community deserved. Through hard work and determination, Dolores helped to elect Pasadena's first African-American and second female mayor, Loretta Thompson-Glickman, in 1977, and later served as her field representative. Dolores went on to serve in other important political roles, including as a staff member for California State Senators Walter Stiern, Richard Polanco, and Jack Scott.

Dolores had so many interests and passions, serving on the boards of numerous community organizations from the League of Women Voters to the Pasadena Chapter of the National Women's Political Caucus to Pasadena City College. However, most impressive of all was her service in the Korean War. Dolores was one of the few women serving in the United States Army, and one of the few people of color. Even though the odds were against her, she excelled in her position and was recognized as an outstanding basic trainee. Dolores never forgot her service in the military and joined organizations like American Legion Post 13 so that she could provide support to struggling Veterans. Throughout her years, she made it a priority to help Veterans in the community and was a crucial part in establishing a Veteran's Community Based Outpatient Clinic in the San Gabriel Valley. Dolores' commitment to her fellow veterans will live on and continue to serve those who were brave enough to stand beside her.

For her entire lifetime, Dolores Hickambottom broke barriers, built bridges, and strove to make the world a greater place. She was a hero to the community and her incredible legacy will forever serve as an inspiration to us all.

HONORING MR. DAVID MARZETTI

**HON. JIMMY PANETTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2022*

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. David Marzetti as the central coast of California celebrates the 20th anniversary of the Shagbag Radio Show. Mr. Marzetti is a pillar of the Monterey Peninsula and its airwaves. The Shagbag Radio Show has featured over 4,000 guests over 1,000 shows, cementing Mr. Marzetti's legacy as the Voice of Monterey.

Mr. Marzetti, originally from Canton, Ohio, has called the Monterey Peninsula home since 1989. Inspired by the beauty of the Central Coast, Mr. Marzetti left behind a behind a burgeoning East Coast radio career to become Program Director and Morning DJ at KOCN 105.1 FM, where he would work for the next 12 years.

In 2002, Mr. Marzetti developed the Shagbag Show, where over two decades, he would air over 1,000 shows and feature over 4,000 guests from all walks of life. Despite airing from the Del Monte Golf Course, Mr. Marzetti's guests extend far beyond golfers and golf enthusiasts, but include celebrities, athletes; local business owners, restaurateurs, writers, doctors, politicians, and more.

Mr. David Marzetti's dedication to the Central Coast and the Monterey Peninsula goes beyond his radio presence. In an effort to promote local businesses, he joined the Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau as its Membership Manager. He continues to be involved in the Peninsula's golf community, covering the U.S. Open and U.S. Amateur Championship golf tournaments at Pebble Beach and the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. Over 30 years, Mr. Marzetti has interviewed hundreds of professional and celebrity players, bringing his enthusiasm for the sport and the community to the airwaves.

Mr. Marzetti's dedication and enthusiasm has not gone unrecognized. He is a three-time winner of the PGA of Northern California Media Person of the Year and he was the first person bestowed with the Carmel Chamber of Commerce "Community Champion" Award.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. Marzetti's long career in service to the Central Coast. I extend my personal appreciation to Mr. David Marzetti and his dedication to radio and entertainment.

RECOGNIZING LILLIAN J. GARDNER

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2022*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge an outstanding constituent from my district, Lillian J. Gardner, who has served the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) for nearly four decades. After achieving both a bachelor's degree in Business Logistics and a master's degree in Business Administration from the Pennsylvania State University, Lillian joined the Defense Personnel Support

Center (now the DLA) in 1983 as an Inventory Management Specialist. Since then, she has held a number of different positions within the agency, working tirelessly to support our Nation's warfighters and becoming an expert in the acquisition field.

Now, after 38 years of dedicated public service and professional leadership in the Department of Defense, Lillian is entering retirement. She concludes her impressive career as the Director and Chief of the Contracting Services Office. Widely respected for her accurate, strategic, and creative acquisition support to DLA's leaders, Lillian has also demonstrated an extraordinary ability to overcome complex and innumerable challenges, including those that have arisen because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Her dedication and diligence have contributed to keeping our military mission-ready.

We are incredibly grateful for the positive impact Lillian has had on our community and country throughout her time in government service, and we wish Lillian countless blessings during her retirement.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE REDUCING HELICOPTER NOISE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ACT****HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2022*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Reducing Helicopter Noise in the District of Columbia Act, which would require all helicopters and rotocraft in the District of Columbia to fly at the maximum altitude permitted by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in D.C., with limited exceptions. The exceptions would include active law enforcement and rescue operations, transporting the president and vice president and safety.

I hear from D.C. residents almost daily about helicopter noise. Helicopter noise can harm health, quality of life and the structural integrity of homes. In 2019, I led members of the National Capital Region (NCR) in requesting that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) study helicopter noise in the NCR. Last year, GAO issued its report. GAO found that there had been nearly 90,000 helicopter flights in the NCR from 2017 to 2019. GAO recommended that the FAA develop a mechanism to exchange helicopter noise information with operators in the NCR. The FAA indicated that it would implement such a mechanism, and I also introduced the Washington, DC Area Helicopter Noise Information Exchange Act of 2021 to require the FAA to implement such a mechanism.

I urge my colleagues to support the Reducing Helicopter Noise in the District of Columbia Act.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION****HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2022*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, I rise today to state how I would have voted on Roll

Call No. 85, H.R. 6865, the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act. If I had been present, I would have voted "YEA" for the bill.

**IN RECOGNITION OF WILHELMINA HENRY'S LIFETIME OF SERVICE AND IN CELEBRATION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY****HON. JERRY MCNERNEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2022*

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Wilhelmina Henry for a lifetime of service and to honor her on the 100th anniversary of her birth.

Born in Columbia, South Carolina on January 20, 1920, Mrs. Henry earned a degree from the Tuskegee Institute and began her teaching career after World War II in segregated schools in South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama. In 1947, she moved to Stockton, California and was appointed to a teaching position in the Stockton Unified School District—becoming Stockton's first teacher of color.

Mrs. Henry has made invaluable contributions to our local education system. She taught within the Stockton Unified School District until her retirement in 1994, ending her 52-year teaching career. In recognition of her role as a pioneer in education and a civil rights activist who broke the color barrier for teachers, the Wilhelmina Henry Elementary School in Stockton, California was named in her honor in 2006.

In addition to her invaluable contributions in education, Mrs. Henry and her husband, Reverend Edwin Henry, Sr., formed the Church of All Nations and the Henry Affordable Housing Program in Stockton. She remains an active member in the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Black Employees Association of Stockton Unified School District, the Ebenezer AME Church, the NAACP, and the Stockton Teachers Association.

Mrs. Henry is a trailblazer and role model, paving the way for many others who have followed in her footsteps. In celebration of her 100th birthday and lifetime of service, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Wilhelmina Henry.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, SERGEANT JOSHUA CAUDELL****HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2022*

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mr. Joshua Caudell, an Arkansas Department of Corrections Sergeant at the Tucker Unit in Tucker, Arkansas. Sergeant Caudell passed away on February 28, 2022, while providing assistance to his fellow officers.

Sergeant Caudell was a 10-year veteran of the Arkansas Department of Corrections, where he excelled as a Field Rider and K-9

Handler. He was also a veteran of the Army National guard, serving our nation honorably for eight years. In his free time, he enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family and friends. Above all else, Sergeant Caudell was a family man and the biggest supporter of his children, cheering them on at sporting events and frequently filling in as a coach for their sports teams.

I take this time today to honor Sergeant Caudell's exceptional service to his local community, his state, and his Nation. His service will live on as an example for those who will undoubtedly follow in his footsteps. I thank Sergeant Caudell and his family for their dedication to the citizens of the Fourth District of Arkansas and the United States of America.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2022*

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I was regretably unable to vote on H.R. 5657 (Roll Call 108) and H.R. 1916 (Roll Call 109) on April 4, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted Yes on both measures.

#### PUTIN'S MASS MURDER

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2022*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, the civilized world is shocked at the discovery of mass murder by Putin in Bucha, Ukraine. It is inspiring the leadership of Presi-

dent Volodymyr Zelenskyy and the immediate responses by Germany to Italy for expelling Putin's murder-complicit diplomats.

With innocent civilians discovered having their hands tied behind their backs, shot in the head, it is clear, war criminal Putin must be stopped with immediate military aid. Biden is correct to recognize this as part of the worldwide conflict of democracy with rule of law versus autocracy with rule of gun.

An undisputed atrocity is the Putin detention of Mayor Olga Sukhenko of Motyzhyn (Ma-tajhin), her husband, Igor and her son, Alexander. Later, they were discovered murdered mercilessly in a shallow grave.

I have faith in the Russian people with a great culture betrayed by the war criminal, Putin. There is legislation for defecting Russian troops, diplomats, and Duma members to be provided expedited refugee status to America and up to \$100,000 for any Russian military equipment turned over to Ukraine. Ukraine will achieve victory.

God bless Ukraine. God save Ukraine. Long live Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Congratulations to Mayor Dan Rickenmann and the city of Columbia for sending aid to Ukraine.

#### CONGRATULATING THE QUEENSBURY SPARTANS ON THEIR VALIANT EFFORT IN THE NEW YORK STATE HOCKEY SEMIFINALS

#### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2022*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Queensbury High School hockey team on an extraordinary sea-

son culminating in a great effort at the state semifinal game.

Due to the pandemic, the New York State high school hockey playoffs were unfortunately cancelled the last two seasons. However, prior to these cancellations, the Queensbury Spartans had built a reputation of playing at an extremely high level, appearing in the Final Four in back-to-back years. In the 2021–2022 season, under the leadership of Head Coach Dean Williams, the team of dedicated young men picked up right where they left off. The Spartans defeated John Jay High School in the quarterfinal game seven to five. Mack Ryan had a record-setting five-goal performance leading the Spartans to another opportunity to compete in the Final Four. In the semifinal game the Spartans faced New York's number one ranked team, the Pelham Pelicans of Westchester County.

The Queensbury Spartans put up a valiant effort against the Pelham Pelicans in the Division II semifinal game and came just short of appearing in their first state championship. Despite ultimately falling seven to one, the Spartans fought hard until the final buzzer. Pelham scored two goals in the game's first minute, and the Spartans faced an uphill battle the rest of the evening. Despite the outcome, Queensbury saw standout performances from Nick Ogden, who scored the team's only goal, and goalie Blake Powers, who had an impressive 34 saves in the game. With only four seniors on the roster, most of these young men will return ready to play hard next season. I am confident that Queensbury High School will field a highly competitive hockey program for years to come.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to congratulate the Queensbury Spartans on their incredible 2021–2022 season. We are very proud of their hard work and dedication throughout this year.